IN THE CLAIMS:

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Please cancel claim 29, and amend claims 21, 27 and 31 as follows: 1-20. (Cancelled)

(Currently Amended) A method for depositing a metal-containing film to a 21. substrate within a process chamber by an atomic layer deposition technique, comprising:

introducing a metal-containing precursor to the process chamber without a gaseous catalyst;

absorbing the metal-containing precursor to the substrate;

purging the process chamber with a purge gas;

introducing a process gas comprising a the metal-containing precursor and the gaseous catalyst;

reacting the absorbed metal-containing precursor with the process gas to deposit the metal-containing film; and

purging the process chamber with the purge gas.

- (Previously Presented) The method of claim 21, wherein the metal-containing 22. film comprises copper.
- (Previously Presented) The method of claim 22, wherein the metal-containing 23. precursor comprises a copper precursor.
- 24. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23, wherein the copper precursor is copperhexafluoracetylacetonate trimethylvinylsilane.

- (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23, wherein the gaseous catalyst 25. comprises water.
- (Previously Presented) The method of claim 25, wherein the purge gas is 26. selected from the group consisting of argon, nitrogen, hydrogen and combinations thereof.
- (Currently Amended) A method for depositing a copper-containing film to a 27. substrate within a process chamber by an atomic layer deposition technique, comprising:

introducing a copper precursor to the process chamber;

absorbing the copper precursor to the substrate without a water catalyst;

purging the process chamber with a purge gas;

introducing a process gas comprising a gaseous the copper precursor and the water catalyst;

chemically reducing the absorbed copper precursor with the process gas to deposit the copper-containing film; and

purging the process chamber with the purge gas.

- (Previously Presented) The method of claim 27, wherein the copper precursor is 28. copperhexafluoracetylacetonate trimethylvinylsilane.
- 29. (Cancelled)
- (Previously Presented) The method of claim 29, wherein the purge gas is 30. selected from the group consisting of argon, nitrogen, hydrogen and combinations thereof.

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31. (Currently Amended) A method for depositing a copper-containing film to a substrate within a process chamber by an atomic layer deposition technique, comprising:

introducing a copper precursor to the process chamber;

absorbing the copper precursor to the substrate;

purging the process chamber with a purge gas;

introducing a process gas comprising the copper precursor and water;

chemically reducing the absorbed precursor with the process gas to deposit the copper-containing film; and

purging the process chamber with the purge gas.

(Previously Presented) The method of claim 31, wherein the copper precursor is 32. copperhexafluoracetylacetonate trimethylvinylsilane.